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[Press Release]

The Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS), the U.S. Government's major producer and distributor of information from world press and radio reports, was transferred from the administration of the Department of Commerce to that of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service on [date]. Established in 1957 to make available to the public information translated from foreign press reports in response to the interests of U.S. Government departments and agencies, JPRS now issues 51 serial reports covering political, economic, scientific and sociological developments around the world and has a worldwide readership.

The transfer of JPRS from Department of Commerce management was dictated by the fact that in recent years the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) has become the largest single Government user of JPRS services. FBIS is the Government agency specifically charged with collection of information from foreign press and radio sources.

JPRS indicates that there will be no change in traditional management or reporting policies, but that they expect to be able to make even more significant information from foreign sources available to subscribers to JPRS reports.